

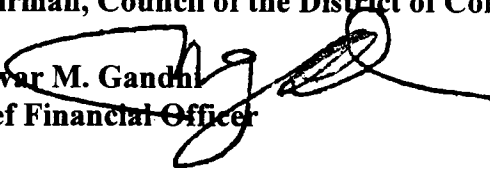
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
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DATE: FEB 13 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "District of Columbia Enhanced Professional Security Amendment Act of 2006"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 16-102 as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Additional staff and resources will be required. Implementing the proposed legislation will result in unbudgeted expenditures of approximately \$591,000 beginning in FY 2007, and \$1.83 million in FY 2006 through FY 2009.

Background

The proposed legislation would establish a Security Officer Advisory Council. The proposed legislation specifies the composition of the Council and authorizes the Council to make recommendations on security officer training, recruitment and hiring, and employment matters. The proposed legislation requires a criminal background check and investigation of criminal history of each applicant for a security position with the District government. Criminal history is to be processed through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Metropolitan Police Department.

The proposed legislation requires certain information of applicants when applying for security positions and requesting certification as licensed security officers. Such an application and certification process is to include requisite training through programs approved by the Mayor.

The proposed legislation requires the Metropolitan Police Department to collect and maintain a registry of all security officers and applicants. This information is to be compared with information contained in the state crime registry. This comparison and evaluation operation is to be performed quarterly.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Additional resources will be required to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The Metropolitan Police Department will require an additional \$591,000 to fully implement the bill's provisions in FY 2007. The table in Figure 1 presents the estimated expenditure impact to the financial plan of implementing the proposed legislation.

Figure 1.

Estimated Expenditure Impact to the Financial Plan				
(\$ in millions)				
FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	4 - Year Total
\$0.00	\$0.59	\$0.61	\$0.63	\$1.83

The proposed legislation makes no new appropriations available, or allocates existing appropriations, to implement the bill's provisions. The District's existing local budget and financial plan for the Metropolitan Police Department, and/or other District agencies with operations and staff impacted by implementing the bill's provisions, will be required to absorb any additional or unforeseen costs that are subsequent to this action.

Federal and District anti-deficiency laws¹ prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding agency appropriations in any fiscal year. Should the District determine that funding is available to absorb any additional or unforeseen costs in FY 2007, then the fiscal impact would be zero. For subsequent years, the additional expenditures must be included as budgeted expenditures.

¹ 31 USCA § 1341 (2000) and D.C. Official Code § 47-355.01 *et sequitor* (2003).